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VIA EMAIL rmd.odi@dot.gov

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
ODI/Recall Management Division – NVS-215
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC 20590

RE: Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Dear Sir/Madam:

On or about December 20, 2011, Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, Inc. (Big Tex) was notified by Dexter Axle that a defect in a component part purchased by Big Tex, which relates to motor vehicle safety, existed. Dexter Axle notified NHTSA on December 20, 2011 and Recall Campaign 11E-057 was initiated by Dexter Axle. Big Tex is also furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports

The defective component, electric over hydraulic actuators (K71-650-00 and K71-651-00) were purchased by Big Tex to be sold as individual parts and/or installed on Big Tex manufactured product. Upon notification by Dexter Axle, Big Tex immediately quarantined all potentially affected parts which remained in inventory, notified all customers who purchased an electric over hydraulic actuator as an individual part, and located all manufactured product which may have had the affected part installed. Dexter Axle was provided with all customer information for both individual parts, as well as parts included in Big Tex manufactured product.

The affected trailers were manufactured by Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, Inc. under the "Big Tex" brand name and involved Big Tex Model 22GN and 25GN trailers.

1. The corporate name and contact of the manufacturer of the recalled trailers is:

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2. The corporate name and contact for the vendor of the subject defective component part; E/H actuators (K71-650-00 and K71-651-00) is:

William L. Dunlap
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Big Tex identified nineteen (19) Model 22GN and one (1) Model 25GN trailers which were potentially affected by Dexter Axle's recall and the defective component. The twenty trailers were located and the following was determined:

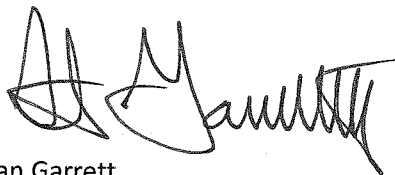
Six (6) were still in Big Tex possession. They were quarantined and inspected for the potentially defective part. Four (4) had the defective part and they were immediately repaired. Two (2) did not have defective parts.

Fourteen (14) units had been sold to dealers or end-user consumers. Big Tex sent all relevant customer information to Dexter, who in turn notified all customers. Of the fourteen (14) sold trailers, the following information was obtained from Dexter:

Four trailers had the defective part and Dexter replaced those for the customers.
Five trailers did not have the defective part, so nothing was done by Dexter.
Five trailer customers have not responded to Dexter.

Big Tex proposes to send letters to the remaining five (5) customers in the form attached hereto, upon NHTSA approval of same.

Sincerely,



Stan Garrett
Vice President – Finance & Accounting